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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PORG, OAU
SUBJECT: MULTI-LATERAL AFFAIRS: OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING,
LOME, FEB. 21-28

REF: (A) LOME 474, (B) LOME 483, (C) LOME 509,
(D) LOME 520,

1. BENIN: ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL PETER ONU ON FEB. 26
"CLARIFIED" COM DECISION TO REFER BENIN MATTER TO EXTRAORDINARY
SESSION OF CHIEFS OF STATE. BASIS OF COM DECISION WAS RES SUBMITTED
BY ZAIRE'S KARL-BOND WHICH DIRECTED SECRETARY GENERAL TO SUBMIT
ALL DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS TO PRESIDENT-IN-EXERCISE OF OAU
(MAURITIAN PRIME MINISTER RANGOOLAM). RANGOOLAM IS TO FIND
A SOLUTION IN CONSULTATION WITH FELLOW HEADS OF STATE. THIS
FORMULATION PROBABLY MEANS AN EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT BUT DOES NOT
PUT COM IN POSITION OF TELLING CHIEFS HOW TO PROCEED.

2. MOROCCO WITHDRAWS: IN TELEGRAM RECEIVED FEB. 26, MOROCCO
NOTIFIED OAU OF ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM OAU PROCEEDINGS UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE. TWO REASONS GIVEN: POLISARIO ALLOWED ACCESS TO
CONFERENCE AND OAU SECRETARIAT HAD LEAKED ITS REPORT ON MERCENARY
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ATTACK ON BENIN BEFORE MATTER DISCUSSED BY COM. TELEGRAM ALSO
DENIED MOROCCO'S INVOLVEMENT IN MERCENARY ATTACK AND HOPED THAT
HEADS OF STATE WOULD COME UP WITH SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION TO
BENIN MATTER. PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, TOGO'S EDEM KODJO, REPLIED
THAT ALTHOUGH TOGO RECOGNIZED POLISARIO, CARE HAD BEEN
TAKEN NOT TO LET POLISARIO PARTICIPATE IN OAU SESSION.
(POLISARIO REPS WERE IN AUDIENCE DURING CEREMONIAL OPENING
SESSION.) OAU SECRETARIAT SAID LEAKAGE WAS UNINTENTIONAL.

3. ZIMBABWE: OAU COMMITTEE REACHED INTERIM NON-SOLUTION ON
LIBERATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON SIMBABWE FEBRUARY 27 AFTER PRO-
LONGED DEBATE. DURING DEBATE SEVERAL AMENDMENTS WERE OFFERED
BROADENING OAU SUPPORT TO MOVEMENTS OUTSIDE PATRIOTIC FRONT. OTHERS
ARGUED THAT LIBERATION COMMITTEE LANGUAGE PERMITTED SUPPORT
TO ALL GROUPS ENGAGED IN ARMED STRUGGLE, NOT JUST PATRIOTIC
FRONT. FINALLY COM COMMITTEE REFERRED REPORT TO CHIEFS OF STATE
WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION ON GROUNDS THAT LIBERATION COMMITTEE
REPORT BASED ON RECOMMENDATION OF FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS WHO
ARE IN EFFECT OAU CHIEFS SUB-COMMITTEE ON RHODESIA. THERE-

FORE, FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS SHOULD TAKE UP LIBERATION COMMITTEE
REPORT AT NEXT SUMMIT. WE HAVE NOT SEEN ACTUAL PHRASING OF THIS
NON-SOLUTION AS IT EMERGED FROM DRAFTING COMMITTEE.

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4. BRITISH DELIVER MESSAGE TO SITHOLE AND MUGABE: BRITISH OFFICER FROM HIGH COMMISSION ACCRA DELIVERED IDENTICAL LETTERS FROM NEW FOREIGN SECRETARY DAVID OWEN TO SITHOLE AND MUGABE WHICH EXPLAINED BRITISH VIEW THAT GENEVA NEGOTIATION "ADJOURNED" BUT NOT "BROKEN OFF" AND REQUESTED AFRICAN LEADERS VIEWS ON HOW TO PROCEED. SITHOLE RECEIVED COMMUNICATION COURTEOUSLY AND SAID HE MIGHT HAVE REPLY FEB. 28. MUGWBE LECTURED BRITISH OFFICER THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE HAD BEEN WASTE OF TIME AS HAS WHOLE PERIOD SINCE UDI. ONLY SOLUTION NOW WAS ARMED STRUGGLE AND THERE IS NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT. ONLY IF BRITISH DECIDED TO USE FORCE TO PUT DOWN REBELLION WOULD THERE BE A BASIS FOR TALKS. MUGABE ALSO ACCUSED BRITISH OF FAVORING "KITH AND KIN" AND UNCONCERN FOR FATE OF RHODESIAN BLACKS.

5. REFORM OF OAU STRUCTURES: OAU DECIDED TO ACCEPT AD-HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AS REGARDS "CONDITIONS OF SERVICE" OF EMPLOYEES, BUT PUT OFF OTHER PROPOSED REFORMS UNTIL LIBREVILLE COM.

6. TO OAU ADDRESSEES: IN REFTELS DEPARTMENT WAS REQUESTED TO PASS OAU COLLECTIVE.

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